

## Danielle at College of Menominee Nation Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) Nursing Career Ladder Program

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Danielle received her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) credential with the help of the College of Menominee Nation's Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) program from the Office of Family Assistance. She completed her CNA class on July 30, 2012, and passed her certification exam on the first attempt. Currently, she is a full-time student at the College of Menominee Nation, working on completing her biological sciences requirements so that she can enter the Associate Degree Program in Nursing. Her GPA is 3.58 on a 4.0 scale.

Shortly before the semester began, Danielle ran into some trouble with child care because her husband had switched jobs. She applied to a county agency for child care assistance but was denied. Then she met with a support services coordinator in the HPOG program to discuss this barrier and learned the program could assist her with child care so she could attend CNA class and additional classes this past summer and fall.

Danielle says, "Because of the grant, I am proudly able to say I am a full-time mom, student, and wife. My daughters now go to day care every day so I can attend classes. The HPOG grant has been life changing for me; without it I would not be where I am today. Education is very important to me, but unfortunately I have just been unable to fulfill my educational dreams on my own financially. Having three children and trying to make time to go back to school is tough, but in the end it will all be worth it because of HPOG."